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**Subject:** RE: WQS Academy Sacramento Draft MOU

Hi Stephen and Rebecca,

Sorry for the delay, I was unexpectedly out yesterday. The Klamath Room can only accommodate 70 students classroom style. However, we can add 10+ extra chairs around the edge of the room. This won't be the most comfortable for staff, but will work.

I'm going to contact the room AV folks to see if the room can support video conferencing if at all.

I can circulate the MOU internally for review and signature once these questions have been answered. I'd like to include the videotaping aspect of the training if HQ staff approves.

Thanks for the help,

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Hope you all had a good holiday!

1. Rebecca thanks for reviewing.
2. Our thinking was 70 attendees + 10 miscellaneous instructors or support folks = 80 people max in the room. Christine can confirm if that's workable.
3. Attached is the ethics advisory.
4. Our HQ staff person is meeting with the appropriate folks this week to get instructions regarding videotaping.
5. They also had a similar related question that I believe we discussed previously: whether the facility has video/phone capability if we had to have an instructor video/call in (not ideal, just a backup option). Christine, can you advise?

Thanks so much,

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Hi Christine and Stephen,

The agreement looks fine to me, except section 2.1.a which mentions a training room large enough to accommodate 80 people. Christine, is that correct? Should it be 70?

Also, Stephen, can you get us a copy of the [October 1996 Guidance on Co-Sponsoring Conferences contained in USEPA Ethics Advisory 96-15?](#) It looks like this document is on your intranet server and we don't have access to it.

Christine, once the video recording issue is worked out and you are comfortable with the language of the agreement, please put it and the ethics advisory in a folder to route through Lori, our Training Academy contact, me, Stacy Gillespie, Paul, and Karen. I know that's a lot of people, but it's not complicated and shouldn't take too long. I'll let Stacy, Paul, and Karen know that they should expect to see this.

Thanks everyone and happy Thanksgiving.

- Rebecca

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Hi Christine,

Attached is a draft of the previously discussed co-sponsorship agreement for the WQS Academy. It lays out an MOU with responsibilities for the meeting Venue, A/V, Instructors, Marketing, Course Materials, and Registration. We were hoping to circulate the document on our respective ends for any management or legal review before formally routing for signature. Can you share with the appropriate SWRCB colleagues and get edits by December 5<sup>th</sup>? That would allow a couple of days to integrate changes and turn it around for signature the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, we'd be happy to clarify or set up a call.

Thanks so much,

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